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Resignation as an MP expected

George Clark
Political Correspondent

Parliamentary colleagues of Mr Stonehouse expect him to resign his seat in the Commons at the statement he has made today.

Mr Wilson received a telegram from Mr Stonehouse at 10 on December 24. In it Mr Stonehouse said: "I am resigning my seat in the House of Commons." Mr Wilson is expected to announce this at the end of the day.

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Deal with Greek junta men suspected

From Mario Modiaoo
Athens, Dec 25

Many Greeks suspect that the military junta which surrendered power to the professional politicians last summer has somehow managed to survive the restoration of democracy. What encourages these suspicions is that some army officers suspended provisionally as a result of the coup of September 12, 1974, are still in uniform. Their suspension was reduced to one month by order of the Defence Minister. Today he is in command of an infantry battalion in northern Greece.

The case of Major Perdiki, the former assistant military attaché in London, and trusted member of the Ioannidis junta. He was suspended from active service for 12 months in September 1974. His suspension was reduced to one month by order of the Defence Minister. Today he is in command of an infantry battalion in northern Greece.

The Athens newspaper *Kathimerini*, whose publisher, Mrs Helen Vlachos, is a member of Parliament for the ruling party, disclosed that the junior officer was in 1967 created by Mr Kanellopoulos, then Prime Minister had been admitted to the National Defence College. This is a distinction reserved for officers destined to assume the highest staff posts.

The Government, however, has been unusually discreet. Mr Evangelos Averoff, the Minister of Defence, who had won wide acclaim for the easy manner in which he brought the armed forces within government control, has been sparse in his statements on this topic. However, *Kathimerini* advised him of telling garrison officers in the provinces that all his actions against the junta had been "spectacular in order to satisfy the public feeling."

The people of Rampton, Nottinghamshire, yesterday called for improvements in the official warning system at the top security hospital, from which two dangerous patients escaped on Christmas Day.

Local people maintained that there was a delay of an hour and a half between the time of the escape and police cars visiting parts of the area.

Police deny any delay over warnings after two dangerous patients escape

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Shattered houses, fallen telegraph poles—the "giant rubbish dump" that is Darwin after the cyclone. More photographs on page 5.

Giant airborne evacuation of Darwin gets under way as cyclone deaths rise to 45

From Our Correspondent
Darwin, Friday morning

A huge relief operation is now well under way to help the people of Darwin where the known deaths from cyclone Tracy which wrecked the city on Christmas Day rose today to 45.

Royal Australian Air Force aircraft and commercial airliners dispatched from the south have been flying out the sick and injured, women and children and flying in emergency supplies.

Prime Minister, said in Darwin that at least a quarter of the population of some 40,000 would have to be evacuated because water and power supplies had been cut. There was a serious shortage of food, he said, and the city simply could not maintain and supply the residents there at present.

The water supply was still unsafe to drink but the police said bottled water was available and the pipe system was soon to be repaired. There did not appear to be any panic in the city.

Reporters who reached the city earlier today found almost every building in the centre of Darwin damaged and huge piles of debris littering the streets.

The escape was the fifth in the past 14 months from Rampton, which holds many dangerous mentally ill criminals. Police said that Christopher McAteer, aged 20, a Londoner, and Brian Martin Perkins, aged 20, from Flagay, Bradford, climbed through a lavatory window after sawing through the bars and scaled the wall.

It is estimated that up to 25,000 people are homeless and that 90 per cent of the buildings in the city have been destroyed.

An Air Force doctor who flew the first victims from Darwin to Sydney said: "The city looks like a giant rubbish dump."

The aircraft carrier Melbourne is leading a fleet of seven Navy ships steaming north loaded with emergency power generators and thousands of tons of equipment.

Major-General Alan Strenou, Director-General of the National Emergency Organization, who flew to Darwin on the first military aircraft, said by radio link: "There's no choice but to evacuate Darwin. There's nothing left here to stay for."

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craft described it as a shattered city. They spoke of "total havoc and destruction", with a population "dazed and stunned, long past weeping".

According to Mr Lance Barnard, the Defence Minister, 90 per cent of buildings in the city were damaged in the four-hour onslaught.

Today, an RAF Hercules will fly from Can to airlift about 70 remaining Britons, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said in London.

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Man found dying in Belfast street

A young man found in a Belfast street yesterday died in hospital an hour after arrival. He was Mr Robert John Johnston, aged 29, of Cranmore Street in the Shankill district. He had severe head injuries and his clothes were soiled with blood. The deaths also occurred of a victim of the violence, a Roman Catholic from Belfast who was hit by bullets in October, and his mother-in-law, who became ill after the shooting. In other respects, Christmas in Northern Ireland was peaceful.

The government whips re-elected last night: "We sent out patrol cars to people living nearest to the hospital and then gradually worked inward until we had covered the entire area."

Building site pay peace
Peace hopes appear high in the construction industry, where nearly a million workers have made a claim for more pay. The unions are expected to accept a deal raising labourers' wages by £7.60 and craftsmen's by nearly £10.

New issue of bonds

The Government is inviting applications for a new issue of £500 million of short-date bonds, just over £1,000m of 3 per cent Savings Bonds, 1965-75, are due for repayment next August and the Treasury is hoping to encourage holders to "switch" to the new three-year bonds.

Food and shelter: Hundreds of people who usually sleep rough or in dosshouses are enjoying shelter, food and entertainment.

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Weeks act to halt decay Acropolis

Our Correspondent
Athens, Dec 26

Greek authorities are taking urgent action to halt the marble monuments of the Acropolis of Athens. A crack was detected on the roof of the propylaea—the monumental entrance to the temple complex.

Warmest Christmas in London since 1940

By a Staff Reporter

The three-day Christmas period was the warmest in London since records began at the London Weather Centre in 1940. The centre said Christmas Day was the warmest ever recorded.

At 400-ton Honduras cargo ship, the *Amor*, was being escorted to the shelter of Guernsey last night by the island's lifeboat after developing a 25-degree list in heavy seas.

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HOME NEWS

Building workers look set to accept £475m pay offer

By Alan Hamilton Labour Staff Nearly a million construction workers are expected to accept a £475m pay offer in a branch-by-branch vote which begins next week.

Engineers likely to clash over TUC wage rule

Union leaders of 1,500,000 engineering workers are likely to face strong opposition from the industry's employers when they meet early next month to discuss a substantial pay claim.

200 workers redundant as factories cut hours

The year will end gloomily for thousands of workers making cars and sewing machines to the west of Scotland and for more than 80 Harris tweed makers in the Western Isles.

Stonehouse mystery embarrasses Labour Party colleagues

Continued from page 1 Received a letter from Mr Stonehouse after he had left for America saying that he had arranged his own "pair" with Glasgow.

Down and outs find a Christmas refuge

By a Staff Reporter More than 500 homeless men and women have been able to come in from the cold of the railway arches or the dosshouse and spend Christmas week in the stark but warm interior of a disused church next to Lambeth Palace, in London.

Heads of special schools 'need help'

More help and better pay are needed for headmasters of special residential schools for handicapped children, a report published today by the National Association of Head Teachers says.



Volunteers in the crypt of St Mary's Church, Lambeth, unpacking food for their homeless guests.

Three sought after Southampton shooting

From Our Correspondent Southampton Hundreds of police searched Southampton yesterday for two men and a woman thought to be IRA members, after a police constable was shot and seriously injured early on Christmas Eve.

Mr Thorpe campaigns for two-tier petrol price

By Our Political Correspondent Mr Thorpe, the Liberal Party leader, said yesterday that he intends to continue his campaign for the introduction of a two-tier pricing system for petrol.

Food poisoning affects 35

Hundreds of Christmas dinners had to be cancelled at the Robin Hood Hotel, in Newark, Nottinghamshire, after 35 people suffered food poisoning.

Trains disrupted

Some Southern Region trains operating yesterday's skeleton service into Victoria Station, London, were disrupted after two coaches of an empty train were derailed at Balham, South London. No one was hurt.

Families in fire

Four families had to leave their homes early yesterday after a fire broke out to a council block in Keil Crescent, Brucehill, Dumfries.

Deaths in Belfast near-peaceful holiday

From Stewart Tendler Belfast Two deaths in Belfast diminished an otherwise peaceful Christmas in Northern Ireland. The victim of a sub-machinegun attack nearly three months ago died in hospital on Christmas Eve and a dying man was found yesterday in a city street.

More royal shoots

The Duke of Edinburgh, who is due for a month's stay at Sandringham this weekend, has arranged one of the heaviest pheasant shooting programmes ever held on the 20,000-acre royal estate.

Bleak weekend outlook for making fresh start

The weekend after Christmas is always the best time for fresh food. Wholesale deliveries are reduced, fishmongers stay at home, and the shops display a discouraging proportion of wilted vegetables, wrinkled fruit, and left-over turkeys which have a good chance of reappearing the Christmas after.

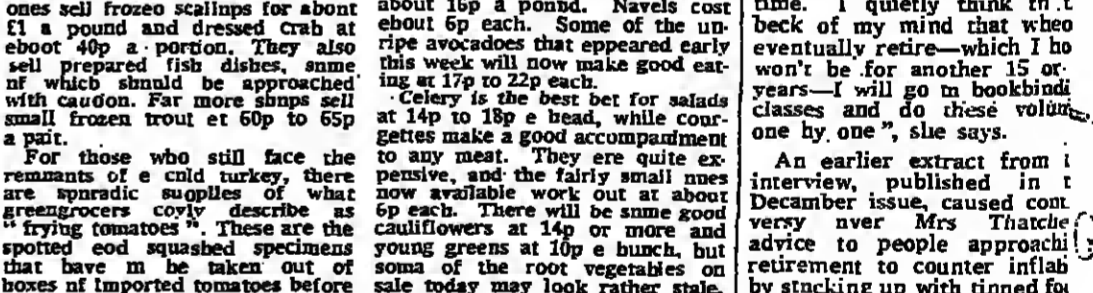
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The latter can be sold at the high prices that tomatoes command at this time of year. The blighted specimens, which are quite serviceable once the spots are cut out, cost only a third or a quarter of the price of the rest.

Mrs Thatcher in politics '20 more years'

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP, contender for the leadership of the Conservative Party, hopes to stay in politics for another 20 to 25 years before she retires, she says in a magazine article published today. She is 49.

Weather forecast and recordings



Christmas Eve

London: Temp: max 6 am, 11°C (52°F); min 6 pm, 5°C (41°F). Humidity: 67 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.28in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 2.2 Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.01 millibars, rising.

Christmas Day

London: Temp: max 6 am, 6 pm, 15°C (59°F); min 6 pm, 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity: 6 pm, 92 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.18in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 1.008.1 millibars, steady.

Boxing Day

London: Temp: max 6 am, 6 pm, 12°C (54°F); min 6 pm, 6 am, 7°C (45°F). Humidity: 6 pm, 77 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.018 millibars, rising.

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Wildfowling join hands with gamekeepers to overcome inflation

By Philip Howard
Two of Britain's oldest and most respected associations for countryside pursuits, particularly the pursuit of succulent furred and feathered creatures, are in amalgamate on January 1 to resist inflation and promote conservation.



Christopher McAteer and Brian Perkins, who escaped from Rampton Hospital, Nottinghamshire, on Christmas Day.

WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

Mr Ford studies CIA reply to allegations of domestic 'spying'

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 26
President Ford, who is on holiday in Colorado, spent this morning skimming and the afternoon studying a 50-page report on the Central Intelligence Agency.

Left-wingers and Gaullists join in signing appeal to save Roman Catholic organ Imperilled newspaper calls for tax reform

From Richard Wigg Paris, Dec 26
The Roman Catholic La Croix, the smallest of the Paris evening newspapers, is battling with acute financial problems. It is also fighting on a general front to obtain a change in taxation laws.

Sportsmen and bird-lovers urge stricter gun laws

From Our Correspondent St. Peter Port
Sportsmen and bird-lovers in Guernsey are working together to get changes in the island's gun laws to stop "trigger-happy cowboys" from shooting birds protected by law.

In brief

More listening to foreign radio

In the London region 29 per cent more regular listeners tune in to Radio Luxembourg each day than to Capital Radio, one of London's two commercial radio stations, according to figures based on research by Gallup Polls for Radio Luxembourg.

Football fracas

A youth was arrested and 38 were ejected from the ground after a fight on the terraces during the south coast local football match between Portsmouth and Southampton yesterday.

Crash PC 'poorly'

Police Constable Alan Brailsford, whose police car went off the road at Taddington, Derbyshire, on Christmas Eve, was said to be poorly in the intensive care unit at Chesterfield Royal Hospital yesterday. He has head and leg injuries.

Dead sailor named

A sailor who was swept to his death on Christmas Day from the North Sea oil rig supply vessel Wasserror, was identified yesterday as Mr Carl Tebb, aged 35, believed to be from Bremen, West Germany.

Former CIA troops are new threat

Vientiane, Dec 26.—Pro-Communist Pathet Lao troops and rebel special forces held the small border town of Houei Sai tonight in an action which observers said could threaten Laos's ceasefire agreement.

Three blows by the Pope's hammer opens Holy Year

From Our Correspondent Rome, Dec 26
The Pope opened the Roman Catholic Holy Year and the Christmas celebrations just before midnight on Christmas Eve with three blows from an ornamental silver hammer on the "holy door" into St Peter's basilica.

Iran deal offers French industry big challenge

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 26
French economic experts argue that the differences which evidently still exist between Iran and France over gold prices make the holding of a tripartite conference of oil producers, oil consumers and Third World countries more necessary than ever.

M Giscard has breakfast with dustmen

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 26
Four road sweepers, three of them Africans, were invited by President Giscard d'Estaing to have breakfast with him at the Elysee on Christmas Eve.

Eight accused of plotting in French Guiana

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 26
Dr André Lecente, Secretary-general of the Socialist Party in French Guiana, was charged in Paris on Christmas Eve together with seven other Guianese with plotting in Cayenne to "substitute an illegal authority for that of the French state".

Vandals on Roman tyre-slashing spree

Rome, Dec 26.—Vandals slashed tyres on more than 100 cars parked in the Casal Palocco residential district of Rome last night, police said today. Most of the cars were damaged by people visiting relatives.—Reuter.

Eritrean working for US arrested in Addis Ababa

Addis Ababa, Dec 26.—An Eritrean working with the United States Information Service (USIS) in Addis Ababa has been arrested, apparently on suspicion of being an agent of the secessionist Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF), reliable sources said today.

Hijacker tries to crash plane on Rome

From Our Correspondent Rome, Dec 26
An apparently mentally unbalanced hijacker attempted to force the pilot of an Air India Boeing 747 airliner to dive into the centre of Rome early yesterday. He was overcome by the crew.

Young skiers killed by Alpine avalanche

Paris, Dec 26.—Two young Parisians, aged 17 and 20, were killed by an avalanche while skiing in the French Alps near Tignes, Savoy, yesterday.

Science report Geophysics: Earth's silent slippage

By laboriously analysing an historical catalogue of earth tremors in the Mediterranean region over six decades, Dr R. G. Geophysics at Cambridge, has shown that the Earth's crust from Gibraltar to Iran is probably slipping quietly all the time, even when there is not a dramatic slip in an earthquake.

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By adding up the slip over the whole period and comparing it with the predictions of movement now well accepted from our understanding of continental drift, he found that earthquakes were inadequate to explain the expected motion. In some parts, for instance the Gibraltar-Tunis seismic belt, earthquakes failed by a factor of one hundred to account for the predicted movement since 1910 of a metre or so.

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The Queen and members of the Royal Family leaving St George's Chapel, Windsor, after a Christmas Day service. Behind the Queen in the first row from left are the Prince of Wales, Prince Edward, Princess Margaret, Lord Snowdon, Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, Prince Andrew and the Duke of Edinburgh. At the rear from left are the Duchess of Gloucester, Princess Anne, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Captain Mark Phillips and the Duchess of Kent.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

New £600m Treasury 'tap' issue priced at 84.5 pc

A new issue of Government bonds was announced just after the stock market shut for Christmas—£600m 3 per cent Treasury stock, 1977. Lists open and close on January 2. The stock will be issued at 84.50 per £100 nominal, payable in full on application. The prospectus includes provision for exemption from United Kingdom tax for non-resident holders.

Market sources consider that the stock is intended to encourage "switching" from Savings Bonds 3 per cent, 1965-75, which are due for redemption next August. Some £1,000m of Savings is held, largely by public stockholders.

The gilt-edged market as a whole is likely to take the new stock in its stride. But some issues with similar coupons—such as Electric 3 per cent, 1974-77, or Transport 4 per cent, 1974-77—could be affected.

Bowater closing its German bank. Slater Walker Bank AG (a subsidiary of Bowater Corp) will relinquish its banking status on December 31 and wind up its banking business almost entirely, and without loss, by that date.

This follows a decision by the parent Bowater to give up plans for an expansion of lending brought minor profit-taking in gold shares. Industrials were generally easier, motor components witting.

Pre-holiday hangover in shares. Christmas Eve came early this year on the stock market trading floor. Long before 1.00 pm, the official close, shares were deserted as members gamely tried to be festive.

But this was not the end of the equity market where share prices gave up what was left of the recovery of the previous fortnight, and market indices slid back to the near recession levels recorded only two weeks before.

Lower bullion prices to London. The dollar closed against most European currencies on the London foreign exchange market on Tuesday morning. Trading was extremely quiet and thin, with dealings limited to small commercial transactions.

The dollar closed easier at 2.4310-90 against the mark (2.4435-65 overnight, and at 2.5450-800 against the Swiss franc (2.5600-700). Sterling fell 40 points against the dollar to close at \$2.3265. It also weakened against other European currencies, and the Bank of England's effective sterling depreciation rate widened from 21.5 to 21.6 per cent.

On the other hand, sterling continued to improve for forward delivery, with the one-month sterling/dollar discount narrowing slightly to 140-150 points from 145-150.

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The Times Share Indices

Table with columns: Index, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes FTSE 100, Industrial, and other indices.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Large table listing various financial products, their values, and performance metrics.

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Table showing forward exchange rates for 1, 3, 6, and 12 months.

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Commodities

COPPER prices eased on Tuesday with cash prices down 25 and three months 10.5. However in late trading the latter fell 10.5 to 253.00. Sales of 100,000 tons of copper were reported.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 6.54 points to finish at 804.74, following a 3.76 point advance on Tuesday. Gains outnumbered losses by about 840 to 500.

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Bank Base Rates

Table listing bank base rates for various institutions like Barclays Bank, FNFC, etc.

The Gresham House Estate Company Ltd.

Table showing financial statements for Gresham House Estate Company Ltd.

Condensed Statement of Condition

Table showing a condensed statement of condition for The Fuji Bank, Ltd.

Japan's Leading Commercial Bank

One-branch offices: London, Osaka, Beirut, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, etc.

Stock Exchange Prices

Equities still dull

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Dec 24. Dealings End Jan 10. Contango Day, Jan 13. Settlement Day, Jan 21.
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

For Really Discerning Drinkers

HIGH & DRY Really Dry Gin



Main table containing stock exchange prices for various categories: BRITISH FUNDS, COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, FOREIGN STOCKS, DOLLAR STOCKS, BANKS AND DISCOUNTS, BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES, FINANCIAL TRUSTS, INSURANCE, INVESTMENT TRUSTS, OIL, PROPERTY, RUBBER, and SHIPPING. Each section lists company names, prices, and changes.

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SPORT

Football

Authority and casual simplicity return Liverpool to the top

By Tom German Liverpool 4 Manchester City 1... The casual simplicity with which Liverpool promptly exposed flaws in Manchester City's defence at Anfield yesterday...

Middlesbrough quietly move up table When the fatted calf avoided a roasting

As Liverpool moved back to the top of the first division with a fine 4-1 win over Manchester City at Anfield yesterday, Middlesbrough, promoted only at the end of last season, quietly slipped into second place by beating Sheffield United 1-0.

up five places with a goal by Armstrong against Sheffield United after four minutes at Ayresome Park.

By Gerald Simstadt Luton Town 1 Ipswich Town 0... The top end of the first division met at Portman Road yesterday with a dull draw.

Leeds find it is a long road back to the top

By A Special Correspondent Leeds United 2 Burnley 2... There was little good will shown either side at Elland Road yesterday.



Robson heads the equalizer for West Ham United following a corner after a powerful attack at Upton Park yesterday.



Robertson breaks leg and Stoke go down again... By a Special Correspondent Coventry C 2 Stoke C 0... Coventry's revenge victory for a defeat at Stoke by the same score...

Chelsea make the most of limited chances

By Christopher Warman Chelsea 2 Arsenal 2... Against the run of play, Arsenal and Chelsea had time to tussle in the last 15 minutes of the match.

Local honour satisfied with show of true grit

By Gerry Harrison Tottenham 1 West Ham 1... Tottenham 1 West Ham 1... Tottenham 1 West Ham 1...

Boxing Day results and tables

Table with columns for First division, Second division, Third division, and Fourth division, listing teams and scores.

Derby recover some of their old form

By a Special Correspondent Leicestershire 2 Derby County 1... Leicestershire producing two excellent saves before Bourne scored after 37 minutes.

A problem too weighty for a slight Scot

By David Brown... Although he appeared to be weakening, McCloskey took the fifth round with a series of punches towards the end.

For the Record

Football... Southern League... Football... Southern League...

Hockey

County Championship... Northampton 0, Chester 2... County Championship...

Rugby League

Rugby League... Sydney-Hobart race led by Ballyhoo... Sydney-Hobart race led by Ballyhoo...

Today's fixtures

Rugby League... Rugby Union... Today's fixtures...

Three players sent off as St Helens defeat Wigan

By a Special Correspondent... Three men were sent off in the first division match between St Helens and Wigan at Warrington.

Yachting

Sydney-Hobart race led by Ballyhoo... Sydney-Hobart race led by Ballyhoo...

SPORT Racing

Ambitious programme for the versatile Captain Christy

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent
The season took on an entirely new complexion at Kempton Park yesterday, when Captain Christy won the King George VI Steeplechase...



Captain Christy takes the last fence well ahead of Pendlil, whom he went on to beat by eight lengths.

have come to expect him. In any event, Tree Tangle will have a rest before his trainer prepares him for a tilt at the best in the Champion Hurdle...

Stone won six races on the flat, prizes that included the PTS Laurels at Goodwood and the Daily Mirror Handicap at Epsom on Derby Day...

Kempton Park programme

Table listing race details for Kempton Park, including race numbers, names, and times.

Market Rasen programme

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Wolverhampton programme

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Handicapper kind to The Benign Bishop

By Jim Snow
So far this season the only enemy to jumping has been rain, and nearly 20 meetings have been abandoned through weathering...

Wetherby programme

Table listing race details for Wetherby, including race numbers, names, and times.

Market Rasen selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.30 Blankney Lad. 1.0 Finmoss. 1.30 Ashdene. 2.0 Swan-Shot. 2.30 Drummer. 3.0 Archetto.

Wolverhampton selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Fox Run. 1.15 Foresall. 1.45 Leeward. 2.15 Duffin Coat. 2.45 Madison. 3.15 BRIEF AUTHORITY is specially recommended.

Taunton programme

Table listing race details for Taunton, including race numbers, names, and times.

Kempton Park results

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Taunton selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Redder's Boy. 1.15 Gold Hawk. 1.45 Chespside. 2.15 Go-Over. 2.45 Cansore. 3.15 Never Worried.

Wetherby selections

By Our Racing Staff
12.30 Buckenham. 1.0 Kelton Lad. 1.30 Rosborough. 2.0 The Benign Bishop. 2.30 Shinto. 3.0 Pingo.

Market Rasen

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